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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), UNGA

SUBJECT: TERRORISM AND THE UNGA SPEECH

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1. FOLLOWING ARE SOME THOUGHTS WHICH TOM THORNTON ASKED ME TO PASS TO YOU: WES EGAN'S RUNDOWN ON THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IN TERRORISM MATTERS IN REFTEL LOOKS GOOD TO ME AND I AM NOT INCLINED TO PUT INTO THE UNGA SPEECH ANY OF THE POINTS THAT HE LISTS AT THE END OF HIS SURVEY. THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION COULD BE A REFERENCE TO THE UNGA DECLARATION OF 1970, BUT THIS IS ONLY FOR RHETORICAL EFFECT. WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SCROUNGE UP SOME SPECIFIC PROPOSALS BUT THESE ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE OF SUFFICIENT SCOPE TO WARRANT INCLUSION IN A SPEECH OF THIS TYPE. FRANKLY, THE MOST DRAMATIC PROPOSALS TEND TO BE THE LEAST USEFUL IN ANY PRACTICAL SENSE. DRAMATIC AS TERRORISM IS, THE REALLY EFFECTIVE MEANS OF COMBATTING IT ARE UNGLAMOROUS DAY-BY-DAY EFFORTS.

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2. IN A MORE GENERAL SENSE, I THINK WE WANT TO BE FAIRLY RESTRAINED IN HOW MUCH ATTENTION WE DEVOTE TO TERRORISM IN THE UNGA SPEECH. PARTIALLY THIS IS NOT TO UNDERCUT

THE GERMAN INITIATIVE. ALSO, HOWEVER, HAD THE CROATIAN TERRORIST HIJACKING NOT TAKEN PLACE, I WONDER WHETHER ANYBODY WOULD WANT TO SAY MUCH MORE ON THE SUBJECT THAN IS IN THE PRESENT DRAFT. I RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS A DOMESTIC AUDIENCE TO BE PLAYED TO, BUT DOUBT THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO DO SO EXTENSIVELY. (SOME OTHER THREE-DAY WONDER WILL HAVE DISPLACED THE HIJACKING ON THE FRONT PAGES BY THEN -- INDEED, IT DIDN'T MAKE THE FRONT PAGE OR OTHER PROMINENT COVERAGE IN EITHER THE POST OR TIMES TODAY.) DESPITE THE CROATIAN HIJACKING AND EVEN ENTEBBE, I DON'T THINK THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS GOING TO BE GALVANIZABLE INTO ACTION AT THIS STAGE; HENCE I DON'T THINK THE UNGA SPEECH OWES ANY DEBT TO HISTORY TO SEIZE THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT IN THE EXPECTATION THAT CONDITIONS ARE RIPE FOR DOING SOMETHING.

3. PERHAPS I AM MISREADING THE INTENT, BUT EVEN IF THE ISSUE IS NOT ONE OF REACTING TO CURRENT EVENTS BUT OF MAKING A STATEMENT FOR THE HISTORICAL RECORD IN LINE WITH THE GENERAL INTENT OF THE SPEECH, I WOULD STILL ADVISE AGAINST GOING MUCH BEYOND THE LENGTH OF THE CURRENT DRAFT. IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF HUMANITY'S PROBLEMS, TERRORISM AND HIJACKING ARE WORTH JUST ABOUT WHAT THEY GET IN THAT DRAFT. WE TEND TO OVERREACT BECAUSE THEY ARE SO DRAMATIC. HISTORY MAY FIND THEM LESS SO.

4. HOPE THE ABOVE PERSONAL THOUGHTS ARE OF SOME USE AND/OR INTEREST. ROBINSON

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